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—Scott D. Sampson, PhD, Executive Director, William R. and Gretchen B. Kimball Chair

We hope you’ll join us! Sincerely,

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From the Executive Director

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—here in San Francisco with Academy leaders on a diving expedition to Baja California for Reefs, Islands 2030, an annual conference including a model of the world’s largest coral reef aquarium, an impressive collection of coral and marine life, a project to enhance and conserve the Great Barrier Reef, and an opportunity to explore the corals of the eastern Pacific.

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